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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THIS is to notify to the Public that the Undesignated RETIRED from the Firms of MESSRS TATA & CO. and EBRAHEMIO PARANAY, & Co. a few months ago; that AH CHUH has taken the vacancy in the former Firm; and that his Son, AH LAM, has taken his place in the latter Firm.

The Undesignated hereby declares that, having given all the Accounts to the satisfaction of his successors, he is free from any responsibility that may arise from any cause or dispute whatsoever hereafter.

EE TYE.

Hongkong, December 20, 1881. ja5

NOTICE.

We have this day CLOSED the Branch of our Firm at YOKOHAMA.
REISS & Co.
Shanghai, 1st November, 1881. ja22

NOTICE.

THE Undesignated have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by MESSRS KYNOCH & CO., of Witton, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, August 13, 1881. 13a82

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undesignated has been instructed to offer FOR SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION on the Premises, on

SATURDAY,

the 31st December, 1881, at 3 p.m.— Subject to a Mortgage dated the 25th day of February, 1881, for securing the Repayment of \$13,000 with Interest thereon at \$8 per centum per annum,

ALL THAT VALUABLE PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND

Abutting on the North side thereof, on other Portion of the said Lot at the Centre of a Party Wall, and measuring thereon 47 feet and 8 inches on the South side thereof, on the Queen's Road West, and measuring thereon 59 feet and 9 inches on the East side thereof, on the other Portion of the said Lot, at the Centre of a Party Wall, and measuring thereon 49 feet and 6 inches and on the West side thereof, on the other Portion of the said Lot at the Centre of a Party Wall, and measuring thereon 52 feet and 7 inches, registered in the Land Office as Sub-section 2 of Section D. of Marine Lot, No. 69, with the BUILDINGS thereon, known as 87, 89, 91 & 93, Queen's Road West, and No. 1, Tsui Wo SAW WEST STREET, including a free right of passage over the private thoroughfare known as "Sei Lane" (Tsung San, West Street). The Premises are held from the Crown for the Residue of the term of 99 years, at the apportioned Yearly Crown Rent and of \$4.15.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer;

or to
MESSRS STEPHENS & HOLMES,
Solicitors.

Hongkong, December 20, 1881. de31

POSTPONEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CONCERT GRAND PIANO, BY
BROADWOOD; GLASS,
CROCKERY & PLATED WARE,
&c., &c.

THE Undesignated has received instructions from Colonel HALL, R.A., to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 5th January, 1882, at 2 p.m., at Morris Hill.—The whole of his

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising—
DRAWING ROOM SUITE, OTTOMAN CENTRE AND SIDE TABLES, FIRE GLASS, &c., &c.
A CONCERT GRAND PIANO, BY BROADWOOD, IN FIRST RATE ORDER.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD, WHATELOTS, FENDER AND FIRE IRONS, GLASS, PLATED AND CROCKERY WARE, CUTLERY, FIRST-RATE TABLE LINENS, &c., &c.

Also
A QUANTITY OF STAPLE WARE AND BOOKS.

A NEW JINRICKISHA, built to order at Tokyo.

A NORTH-CHINA PONY.

And,
A LOT OF PLANTS AND VALUABLE SEEDLINGS, ETC., ETC., ETC.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 30, 1881. ja5

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.

THE British Barque
"SHIRI OF THE AGE," of 547 Tons Register or 8,500 Piculs carrying Capacity, built of English Oak and Teak, copper-fastened throughout, remodeled in February 1880. Masts and Spars nearly all new and general outfit in good condition, as she now lies in this Port.

For particulars, apply to the CAPTAIN on board, or to

VOGEL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1881. ja5

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s UHAMPAGNE, Quarts... \$17 per 1 d. Case. Pints... \$18 per 2 d. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

TO LET.

NO. 4, Old Harley Street, No. 8, Hollywood Road, from 1st January.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, November 25, 1881.

CHRISTMAS 1881.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

TABLE DELICACIES AND FANCY ARTICLES.

OUR STOCK for the PRESENT SEASON is now Complete and Ready for INSPECTOR.

PLUM PUDDINGS, MINCEMEAT, CHRISTMAS CAKES, FANCY BISCUITS, FRUITS IN NOYEAL, SYRUP or BRANDY, CRYSTALLIZED and METZ FRUITS, ASSORTED CANDIED PEELS, MUSCATEL RAISINS, JAMS, JELLIES, &c.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS, ASSORTED PATES, OX-TONGUES in JELLY, COLLARED, SPICED and SMOKED ANCHOVY PASTE, POTTED MEATS and GAME, RUSSIAN CAVIARE, FRENCH TRUFFLES, &c., &c.

Hongkong, December 20, 1881. ja5

For Sale.

Intimacies.

TWELFTH DRAWING.

Chinese Imperial Government

Loan of 1874.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following Numbers of Bonds to be paid off at Par, in Hongkong, on the 31st December next, and in London on the 10th February, 1882, when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were the day Drawn at the Offices of the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 31, Lombard Street, E.C., in the presence of Mr. GEORGE HENRY BURNETT, Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary:

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

314 Bonds Nos.:—

19 1206 2528 3792 6052

37 1205 2548 3812 5074

59 1314 2572 3822 5086

68 1337 2592 3849 5110

84 1356 2603 3866 5137

109 1361 2622 3888 5150

125 1385 2648 3900 5180

133 1414 2671 3927 5193

164 1427 2690 3950 5215

194 1458 2711 3969 5237

202 1479 2727 3985 5252

238 1483 2748 4014 5281

241 1518 2769 4029 5291

269 1522 2787 4047 5312

288 1557 2818 4061 5334

306 1576 2839 4080 5343

335 1587 2851 4120 5369

341 1604 2867 4132 5392

376 1640 2890 4148 5413

393 1640 2902 4166 5427

405 1672 2934 4187 5453

422 1698 2953 4213 5461

454 1720 2977 4237 5495

462 1740 2993 4247 5516

490 1749 3011 4273 5529

518 1774 3033 4300 5550

524 1789 3050 4301 5565

547 1803 3071 4323 5580

573 1828 3087 4351 5610

582 1846 3113 4365 5628

601 1877 3122 4392 5644

624 1892 3147 4414 5657

633 1918 3168 4426 5667

661 1934 3197 4449 5712

688 1953 3214 4473 5726

703 1978 3225 4481 5745

732 1990 3242 4514 5769

751 2018 3260 4529 5799

773 2031 3290 4547 5801

791 2046 3302 4580 5830

803 2062 3326 4585 5858

836 2094 3357 4612 5864

850 2113 3361 4633 5892

864 2127 3390 4641 5917

881 2160 3410 4673 5922

905 2175 3427 4694 5941

932a 2190 3454 4706 5970

943 2216 3477 4731 5988

967 2228 3498 4753 6005

986 2256 3516 4769 6028

1002 2271 3530 4784 6043

1037 2291 3550 4814 6073

1055 2301 3565 4827 6087

1063 2326 3590 4842 6108

For Sale.

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HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE

CHRISTMAS STORES AND
NEW AND SEASONABLE
GOODS.EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.
MUSCATEL RAISINS.

METT FRUIT.

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CALAIRE & BOWSER'S CONFETIONERY.

BUTTER SCOTCH.

HONEY SCOTCH.

ROSE TOFFEE.

LEMON.

KELLS LIME JUICE.
PLUMS AND CURRANTS.

VALENCIA LIMASINS.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.
PRESENTATION BOOKS.

FANCY STATIONERY.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

KENTISH COB NUTS.

Ex STEAMER "Glenfinch."
STILTON CHEESE.

YORK HAMS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.
TEYNONRAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS AND RAISINS.

SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

FILBERTS.

COCONUTTA.

VAN HOOTEN'S COCOA.

LIEGE'S & EPP'S COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

HUNTLTY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

CHOCOLATE-MENIER.

SAUSAGES.

BROWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES—

HENNESSY'S MONOPOLE & WHITE

SEAL.

DUVE LIQUOT PUNARDIN.

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, " "

LIES, GRAVES,

BREAKFAST CLARET."

SHERRIES & PORT—

SANSON'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLIAN.

SACCOMI'S OLD INVALID MUR-

(1848).

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BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1, 2 & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

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FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

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BOKEH & ORANGE BITTERS.

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BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and

SANDERS, pints & quarts.

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PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the

Gallon.

ALE AND PORTER, in

pints.

EX AMERICAN M.

Fresh ROLL BUTTER.

Eastern and California CHEESE.

Bonesless CODFISH.

Prime HAMS AND BACON.

Russian CAVIAR.

Kagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH AND APPLE BUTTER.

PICKLED OX-TONGUES.

Fatty PIG-POOK in legs and pieces.

Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.

Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cutting's Desert FRUITS in 25 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage

MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY IN Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated

MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

Lunch TONGUE.

McCartly's Sugar LEMONADE.

Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 2½ lb cans.

&c., &c.

— YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

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RACKER

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb

tins, loose.

Alphabetical BIS-

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Fancy Sweet Mixed

BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

EYE MEAL.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

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Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA in

5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents lb.

LANDLERY of every Description.

A SAIL-MAKING proudly

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Dec. 8, 1881.

Entertainment.

CITY HALL.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND

THURSDAY.

January 2nd, 3rd and 5th.

And on WEDNESDAY, the 4th January,

A GREAT

MATINEE PERFORMANCE

for FAMILIES and CHILDREN and PEOPLE

living at a distance.

Doors open at..... 4.00 p.m.

To commence at..... 5 P.M.

A PANTOMIME.

GLAILEQUIN BLUE BREAD;

THE FIEND, THE FAINT, THE FEMALES,

THE CLOWN, THE COLOCINE, AND

THE PERIS OF PARADISE;

THE CHOPES OF PENZANCE;

THE SLAVE OF DUTY.

An entirely Original Comic Opera

in Two ACTS.

Written by W. GIBERT.

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Major-General STANLEY, Mr. TRAHERN,

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prentice), Mr. QUICKELY,

Sergeant of Police, Mr. DRACUT,

Male, General MILE, Mr. RADUA,

Edith, General KATE,

Isabel, daughter Miss WINNOR,

Ruth (a Pirate Maid-of-

all-work), Miss CHRYVIAU,

CHORUS OF GENERAL STANLEY'S DAUGHTERS,

PIRATES, and POLICE.

Tickets (price \$2.00), can be obtained at

MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s Store, and after Tuesday, the 3rd January, at

Noon.

Doors open at..... 8.30 p.m.

Performance at..... 9.00 p.m.

Hongkong, December 24, 1881.

Entertainment.

THEATRE DES ROYAUX.

CITY HALL,

HONGKONG.

FRIDAY, 6th JANUARY, 1881.

THE MEMBERS' SOUP.

A GREAT

CHOPES OF PENZANCE;

THE SLAVE OF DUTY.

An entirely Original Comic Opera

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Hongkong, December 24, 1881.

Intimations.

to this. It will remain the only to

exceptional Shareholders and will be

circumstances were clearly justified in asking for the Charter they have now received. Apart from the political side of the question, it is a cause for rejoicing that a British Company, with chartered rights, should be represented in this magnificent island. There is one guarantee at least; no difference of trade or nationality will be allowed to interfere with free and legitimate trade. Traders there will be free from the vexations of the Spanish Custom-House on the one hand, and Dutch Monopolists on the other; and there is every ground for hoping that the immense natural resources of the Island, vegetable and mineral, will be developed. To residents in Hongkong, especially the Chinese, the establishment of this Company is of the greatest importance. A goodly proportion of the Borneo produce trade is now in the hands of Hongkong native merchants, as enquiries we have made show; but when the Company is fully established and every facility offered to the Chinese to settle and to trade, we expect that the happiest results will ensue not only to settlers, but to merchants here and in Singapore.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]
(Per E. E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

RUSSIA AND THE TURKISH DEBT.
LONDON, Dec. 28.

Russia is opposing the settlement of the Turkish debt as proposed, on the grounds that the scheme plagues now revenues.

RUSSIA OF ARMS.
LONDON, Dec. 28.

A quantity of ammunition and arms has been seized at Limerick.

MEETING OF LANDLORDS IN DUBLIN.
LONDON, Dec. 28.

A large meeting of Landlords has been held in Dublin at which a resolution was passed condemning the administration of the land act, and demanding State compensation.

RESUMPTION OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND AUSTRIA.
LONDON, Dec. 28.

Friendly relations have been resumed between Austria and Romania.

FIRE AT CRONSTADT.
LONDON, Dec. 28.

A destructive fire has occurred at Cronstadt, and is attributed to Nihilists.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ORDER OF SERVICE AT THE UNION CHURCH
—SUNDAY, JAN. 1st, 1882.—
Hymn 293, Tune, page 134; Psalm 103,
Tune, page 132; Hymn 44, Tune, page 139;
Hymn 197; Hymn 304, Tune, page 139.

The Malvina and the Nicias Thayer came out of the Cosmopolitan Dock to-day, and H. M. S. Tournouillet went into the same dock.

The Single Lawn Tennis Match between Hongkong and Singapore will be played to-morrow afternoon, at 3.30 on the Cricket Ground. Mr Tomkins will represent Hongkong, and Mr D'Almeida Singapore.

We may note that Mr Playfair has relieved Mr. O. Johnson of his duties, as acting British Consul at Pakhoi, and that the latter's station proceeds again to Swatow, for temporary service there.

It appears that Calcutta has been indulging in the luxury of an earthquake. The shock was of a very mild description, the perceptible effect being to set up billiard balls.

There is news, the Royal Guards, therefore, safety, which has had a commanding afternoon, from selected to fire against the team of Non-commissioned Officers. M. H. J. H. Tripp will stand, watch the proceedings here of Shanghai.

Accounts given of the Illuminations omitted to mention that the credit to the whole of the designs on the public buildings was due to the Acting Surveyor General (Mr Bowdler), whose work during the visit of the Detached Squadron has been no child's play throughout. Of course Mr Bowdler was ably assisted in carrying the designs into execution; but we ought in all fairness to have noted that the designs themselves emanated from that hard-working official.

The Ceylon Times believes that the frequent and annoying disputes between consignees of goods from Britain, and the local agents are likely soon to come to an end, owing to the introduction of a new style of bill of lading without the objectionable clause to be found in the form "B." The Times remarks that in the smooth water of Colombo harbour there can be no real accidents of the sea," and that any loss can only arise through defective arrangements for the discharge of cargo.

Part of a somewhat peculiar nature is recorded by the Canton Tribune. It seems that a man who had been drawing a pension from the Government for total blindness was discovered reading books in a post office. He has been sentenced to prison. At the end of his being a proof reader, says the Tribune, "is the only service he can do, as he cannot read, his eyes are closed." We shall watch the trial.

with interest, for if the "party" in question obtain a verdict, it is our intention to recommend several members of our staff for total blindness pensions immediately.

An intimation has been received from the Horse Guards that the men of the 1st Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, selected to fire in the annual army match for Regiments serving out of India, in September last, have been placed seventeenth in the competition; and that prizes have been awarded to Lieut. Charley and Sergeant Instructor of Musketry Barnes, the former taking thirteenth place amongst the officers, and the latter twenty-third amongst the non-commissioned officers and men.

From Canton we learn that, in addition to the successful Garden Party given to the young Prince by Consul Hewlett, the Royal Midshipmen dined with the Consul in the evening; after which fireworks were blazed away at the Yamen, in presence of the guests and other members of the community. The Prince slept in the Prince's Chamber (王室房), so called from its having been occupied by more than one person of Royal blood. Our correspondent, who is somewhat of a Radical on the delicate subject of Princes, has an opinion that the two young scions of the Royal House are "jolly young fellows," and admirable specimens of the genus "English boy." They evidently enjoyed to the full the freedom granted them in the small Foreign Settlement at Canton, and doubtless the community were equally pleased.

USLIKE THE Hongkong Volunteers those of Ceylon are in a state of the liveliest existence. It has been found necessary to amend the Volunteers' Ordinance, and on the 23rd of November the Queen's Advocate moved the first reading of the Bill. In putting it before the Council he said that since the passing of the first Ordinance in 1861 they had gained considerable experience. The Bill is framed on the English Act, and the powers conferred on the Governor in Council were the same as those held by the Secretary of State at Home, and the same powers were given to the men as were given by the Home Act. The Bill was seconded by the Lieutenant-Governor. With so much material in Hongkong for the formation of a corps, it seems a great pity that the Volunteers should continue in their present moribund condition. It may perhaps be too late to raise the movement into life this winter now, but steps might be taken to ensure a good turn-out by the next cold season.

The Colombo Friends-in-need Society accepted its fifty-first annual report to a large and influential assembly on the 29th Nov. This Society during its half century of existence has done much good work in the way of relieving necessitous cases, and has been the means of saving the Colony from the incubus of a cumbrous poor law system. It has avoided indiscriminate charity aid through its visitors carefully inquired into the merits of each case before relief was given. The report for the year 1880 ending 30th June showed an excess of expenditure over receipts of Rs. 2,381; and for 1881 Rs. 2,433. To meet the deficiencies a special fund of Rs. 6,600 was raised by subscription. From the report it seems that the expenditure has unavoidably increased, and the revenue has fallen off. The report detailed the efforts of the Society in relieving those out of employment and in need. The amount granted to each pauper is Rs. 2.25 to Rs. 9.50 a month, and every pauper has to appear before the Committee once every six months unless prevented by bodily infirmities. The report was adopted. There can be no doubt that a Society such as this working in a thoroughly organised manner is of great benefit in relieving many cases of real distress, which would otherwise risk unnoticed.

We are in receipt of the "India" Directory or Red Book for Shanghai, 1882, published at the North China Herald Office. The little book is very neatly put up indeed, and its illuminated title and its red-bordered pages, it is prettily printed; while the information it contains is eminently suitable for the ladies of the Settlement. We should think this Ladies' Directory supplies a special want, and it has often occurred to us that a similar compilation would be favourably received in this part of the world, especially if the names of ladies in a few ports nearest to Hongkong were given. A few of the commonest phrases in Chinese and English spelling are given, and the names of places and roads are also appended, in English and Chinese. It will be believed that the Directory contains three hundred and ninety names—a fact which speaks volumes highly for the progress of Shanghai as a business centre, but for its advancement as a social community of foreigners, established in the largest Empire in the world, whose social and family system is probably the oldest in existence. The contrast between life in Shanghai twenty years ago and life in the Model Settlement under existing circumstances, with nearly four hundred ladies settled around the family hearth, must be striking as it is commentatively satisfactory; and upon the result the Foreign Concession of Shanghai are most heartily to be congratulated. In the Directory the blank receives "Visiting Notes" for prominent features, and the Red Book also with over a dozen pages of information on

matters interesting and useful generally.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council of Ceylon, the Governor announced:—

I am glad to be enabled to announce to the Council that our Royal Highnesses Prince Albert Victor and Prince George, sons of the Prince of Wales, will visit Ceylon early next year, and I am sure that they will be received by the people of Ceylon with a hearty welcome. The *Hachim* is due in Colombo on the 27th of January, and will remain here some days.

Subsequently the Lieutenant-Governor moved a vote of Rs. 5,000 for the entertainment of the sons of the Prince of Wales, who were to visit the Island. It had been ascertained that the most acceptable form of entertainment to provide for the young Prince would be an elephant kraal, and this was to be got up in some healthy part of the country. The vote, which came under the head of miscellaneous service Bill, was referred to the law officers of the Crown.

The humane task which Mr. Plimell set himself in regard to cargo ships, is but half the work that has to be done, and it is certainly national reproach to us, who pride ourselves on being the leading manufacturers of the world, that so many fatal accidents occur which never should have occurred had ship-builders and owners done their duty. A survey by Lloyd's Agents appears to be little avail against some of the most terrible casualties that have recently occurred, and in reading accounts of the recent losses of steamers, it is impossible not to be struck by the fact that they too frequently happen from causes which might readily be prevented. The choking of the pumps, the giving way of watertight compartments are causes for serious reflection against the skill and foresight of ship-builders, and of Lloyd's supervision. We trust that a determination to the part of the relatives of some of these lost in the *Chefoo* will be made to have a searching enquiry be made to carry out in the interests of the public. It is a significant fact that in both the recent losses of the *Touton* and of the *Cam Maduf* the vessels had been sold by previous owners to their recent possessors, leading to the inference that they wished to be clear of bad bargains.—*Collegiate Times.*

The *Bombay Gazette* has these remarks on the new tariff on inland telegrams which is to come into force on the 1st January:—

The new tariff for inland telegrams, which is to come into force on the 1st January, is as follows:—

The *Patent* said he was coming to the matter. He gave them his advice as to publication of a prospectus, in connection with the new paper, and defendant gave him a copy of the prospectus of the *Telegraph* as a guide in its compilation. Plaintiff also drew up the terms under which he would consent to be made editor, and these were considered perfectly fair by the defendant.

Mr Francis read the terms, which set forth that Patrick Doyle would consent to become editor of a new paper at \$150 per month, for six months from the 1st Dec. 1881. Mr Francis said that the plaintiff refused to proceed one step in the formation of the paper until this agreement was signed and also said that his client had told Doyle that the negotiations had entirely fallen through, and from these reasons he (Mr Francis) thought there was no claim.

His Lordship said that the question was, of what value were the services rendered by the plaintiff to the defendant. He valued them at worth nothing, and said there was really no claim, and therefore dismissed the case.

* *TEOHO CHEONG v. ADAMS.* (80)—The plaintiff had been a cook in the employment of Dr. Adams, but had been dismissed for incapacity, and leaving the house without permission. The claim was for wages due. The case was dismissed.

* *CHU SIN v. TSANG MAN HING* (227, 05).—This was a claim for balance due for rice supplied by the plaintiff to the Shiu Tai shop for which he was guaranteed by the defendant. The defendant did not appear. The claim having been proved judgment was given for the plaintiff for the amount claimed with costs. Mr. Mossop appeared for the plaintiff.

* *CHUN HOON v. LOWE.* This was a claim for balance due for clothes supplied by the plaintiff, who is a tailor, to the defendant, who is master of the ship *Agnes Muir*. The defendant did not appear. Judgment was given for the plaintiff for the amount claimed with costs. Mr. Mossop appeared for the plaintiff.

* *CRICKET.* HONGKONG & OFFICERS OF THE DETACHED SQUADRON.

The Club and a team of Officers from the Detached Squadron played a match yesterday. The Officers handled the willow first and were disposed of for the small total of 79; Henderson and Winslow being the only double figures. The representatives of Hongkong were more successful and ran up the respectable total of 243; Hynes' score of 76 being the feature of the innings. The Officers again essayed the bat and were almost as unfortunate in the first innings, but time being called before they finished, the match was decided in the one innings.—

* *DETACHED SQUADRON.* Lieut. Winslow, c & b Hynes, 12; Capt. Parr, c Stebbing, b Charley, 1; Lieut. Bishop, b Hynes, 9; Sub-Lieut. Henderson, c Ritchie, b Forbes, 29; Lieut. Osborns, c & b Hynes, 0; Lieut. Cory, b Charley, 1; Mr. G. Hillyard, b. T. Hedley, b Forbes, 1; Mr. H. Evan Thomas, c Newington, 6; Lieut. Shorland, b Charley, 1; Mr. A. Christian, not out, 3; Mr. G. Hardinge, c Newcombe, b Charley, 2; Extras, 3. Total, 72.

* *HONGKONG.* Mr. W. Hynes, st. Bishop, b Christian, 76; Mr. F. Newington, b Bishop, 3; Lieut. R. S. H. Hedley, b. T. Hedley, b. Hill, 29; Rev. F. G. Stebbing, b Christian, 29; Mr. H. F. Whyte, b Henderson, 29; Mr. H. de C. Forbes, b Henderson, 29; Mr. S. Newcombe, b Hardinge, 29; Mr. A. B. Tonkin, Bishop, b Henderson, 29; Mr. H. A. Ratcliffe, not out, 29; Mr. J. B. Bell Irving, c & b Hillyard, 29; Extras, 243.

* *Police Intelligence.* (Before Frederick Stewart, Esq.) Friday, Dec. 30.

CUTTING AND WOUNDING.

Ngau was charged with cutting and wounding Chu Atam, a woman under his protection, on the 8th November.

Chu Atam said she was a widow, living under the defendant's protection in No. 32, Upper Lascar Row. On the 8th Nov. the defendant asked her for some money but was refused, so he went out and did not return that day. On the following night defendant returned and she opened the door to him, and while proceeding upstairs before him, he stab in the right shoulder. The wound was very much, but she was able to go and make a report at the Station, whence she was taken to the Civil Hospital, where she remained twenty-seven days. Defendant ran away after stabbing the complainant, and she only discovered his return to the Colony on the 28th when he was taken in charge.

Chu Apin, sister of the complainant, said she lived with her sister and witness defendant strike her but thought it was with his hand and not with a knife. On hearing her sister's cry she ran downstairs and went to the door, but defendant had gone.

Dr. Marques, Assistant Surgeon to the Civil Hospital, gave evidence after admiring Chu Atam on the 6th Nov. deep shot on any part of the body.

According to the now regulation Major Holiday has appointed Sgt. Dunnigan to act as Captain of and to select the team.

To avoid any jealousy the regulation allows

any member of the Corps who has not been chosen to challenge any member of the team to shoot at the range of the match and should the challenger win he takes the place of the one challenged, but should he lose the pay him \$5. We wish the Shanghai team every success, and we think it very lucky that on their part to accept the challenge seeing that the weather is in every respect in favour of the Hongkong team.

* *POSSESSION OF OPIUM.* LINUNG and Lum Awai appeared with having possession of prepared opium without having permit from the owner.

Inspector Perry said he went to the servant's quarters, at the back of the Hongkong Club, possessed of a warrant to search the premises. He searched the room and found, at the foot of the bed, the 26 sins of opium produced in Canton. The Inspector also saw other traces of prepared opium and the defendants admitted they had no permit.

Antonio dos Santos, an ex-soldier, said he accompanied the former witness and while the Inspector was speaking to the defendant, he observed first defendant crawl under the bed, when witness caught him with two boxes of opium in his hands. Witness valued the opium in Court at \$30, and had been trying to get a sentence against defendants for some months past.

and Sir W. Johnston, Mr. Pohng during one of the scrimmages took a ball out, and touched it down in fine form, but the ball had known the first defendant to sell opium for several years and had purchased the "try" Sir W. Johnston through being charged, failed to obtain the goal. Later he received the opium from first defendant and paid the money to the second.

First defendant admitted selling the opium without a license but said the second master had nothing to do with the Club.

A fine of \$200, his opinion there-

upon, imprisonment with hard labour, two months on first defendant, and the second charged; the opium being handed over to the Opium Farmer.

OBTAINING MONEY BY FALSE PRETENCES.

Lau Akin, Lum Awong and Lau Aping, were charged, on remand, with obtaining money by false pretences from Li Atsun, accountant, on the 20th instant.

Li Atsun, said he was the accountant at the Fuk Shang Pawnshop in East Street.

He said the first defendant offered a gold bangle for pawn on the 10th instant. He gave her \$20 for the article thinking it was all gold, but on her leaving he pierced it and found it only partly gold. He then went to her house and informed her of this. She took him to second defendant's house, from whom she said she had received it. The second defendant had received it from some other woman they could not find. He then had them removed to the Station.

First defendant said she received the

gold bangle from the second to pawn, who had got it from a woman named Say Tai, who won't give her \$5, borrowed three years ago. Out of the \$20 given for the bangle, the second defendant only received \$3, the rest going to this third woman, Sun Tsui, who had never been found. To Sun Tsui, who had never been found, the second defendant said she had got the bangle from Lau Aping, the third defendant, who had told her to say Sun Tsui instead of Lau Aping.

His Worship sentenced each of the prisoners to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

* ROUGES AND VAGABANDS.

Wong Asing was observed, on the 29th inst., in Praya Central, inviting people to gamble. He lived in an opium den in Gilman Street, and had been in prison three months already for gambling. He had no employment at present. He was committed to prison for three months with hard labour.

* A long-needed improvement in connection with the port of Shanghai is in a fair way of being brought to an issue. We call to the dredging of the Woosung Bar.

We have been given to understand that a contract has been signed by the Taotai Liu on behalf of the Chinese Government on the one side, and Mr. W. Watson, of Messrs Maclean and Co., on the other, for the importation of a dredging machine to be used specially for the removal of the "Heavenly Bank" sand.

This agreement was signed and sealed this morning (27th) by the British Consul, and the money has been deposited in one of the Shanghai banks for the carrying out of the undertaking. The dredging vessel will be built by Messrs. Wm. Simons & Co., of London Works, Rutherglen, Scotland. She will be schooner rigged, with twin screws. Her extreme length will be 185 feet; breadth, 32; depth, 13; and of 30 horse-power (nominal). She will be what is designated the "Patent Hopper Dredge," and carry 600 tons of mud at an average speed of seven miles an hour, lifted from the bottom to a maximum of 30 feet at the rate of 300 tons per hour. We understand that a similarly constructed dredger is now being built at Newhaven by the dock trustees; and that one of double the dimensions given above has been purchased by the New Zealand Government. In view of the large ships now being built by the P. & O. Lines and Castle Lines, the terrible sufferings endured by the mercantile community of Shanghai, Wu, understand that the vessel is to be built in a hull of 1,000 tons, and the dimensions given above have been purchased by the New Zealand Government. In view of the large ships now being built by the P. &

